

Pathways Cleanup

The Town's pathways got a thorough clean up on Earth Day. On Saturday, all residents were invited to participate. Volunteers took off on foot on paths and roadsides on April 21st and 22nd, armed with trash bags, gloves and vests provided by the town's Pathway Committee.



Bullis Charter School students kicked off the event, which the Pathway Committee plans to make an annual tradition. The children, accompanied by teachers and parent volunteers took off on foot to Byrne Preserve, Purissima Road and other parts of the town, covering 22 miles of pathways, collecting an estimated over 800 pounds of trash.

Covington Wins California Distinguished School Award

Covington Elementary School, the Los Altos School District school serving over 130 Los Altos Hills children, has been awarded the California Distinguished School designation for 2006, after only three years in operation.



The award "honors some of the state's most exemplary and inspiring public schools. Schools selected for Distinguished School Awards are strong, well-rounded community schools," says the Web site for the program. Distinguished Schools must excel in academics, teaching staff skills and professional development programs, media and technology services, support for children with special needs, and must foster a school culture that promotes inclusion, responsibility, fairness, and other positive character traits.

"While winning the Distinguished School Award is always an honor, it is truly remarkable for a school that has only been open three years," said Principal Leslie Crane. "I am so proud of our students and teachers, and so grateful for the support of the parents and the community."

Covington students, decked out in their school colors of vivid orange and blue, celebrated their achievement in April with speeches, cheering, and bright orange popsicles.

Recycling in LAH Just Got Easier

Single stream recycling now allows you to put all your recyclables (not yard waste) into a single 96-gallon rolling cart available from Los Altos Garbage Co. (650) 961-8040. A recent flyer included in the Los Altos Garbage Co. billing indicates what is recyclable. Also, look for a flyer in your future billing about curbside Electronic Waste pickup. See: www.losaltosgarbage.com



Opera professionals and BCS students seize the stage in Gilbert and Sullivan's hilarious "The Pirates of Penzance"

What happens when singers connected to a world-class opera company, and students from an innovative elementary school share the stage? "Magic!" enthused Wanny Hersey, Principal of the Bullis Charter School in Los Altos, who, along with professional singers from San Francisco Opera's outreach program, rehearsed more than two dozen students for a joint performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" at Foothill College April 30. "As a charter school, we are so fortunate to be able to expand on opportunities as they present themselves and create deep experiences for our students," said Hersey, herself an accomplished musician.



We were lucky that we got to do this performance with them," said David Kirk who was seen shaking hands with SF Opera Guild musical director, Baker Peeples, and Opera a la Carte coordinator, Ellen Kerrigan after the show. "The singers were cool!"

This "lucky" break arrived through San Francisco Opera's "Opera a la Carte" program, where elementary students take part in rehearsing and performing a reduced, English-language version of an opera along with professional opera singers. Earlier in the school year, the group visited and performed with the charter students in one of the school's portable classrooms. Parents were so impressed with the performance, they arranged to stage a special production in Foothill college's full-sized theatre in honor of Los Altos Hills 50th Anniversary. Parent, John Swan spearheaded the effort:

Because opera encompasses all the arts - various styles of dance, music, drama - it provides inspiring avenues for children to connect to their passions, while learning about history and cultural traditions," said Swan. "We were delighted to be able to bring the show to our town as a thank you to our community supporters."

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